
TREATMENT OF FINE TURF

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—Mr. Nathaniel Lloyd's letter which is published in to-day's issue is of the greatest interest to me, for it confirms the experiments which I have been making.

Except on coarse and weedy turf, all chemical dressings should be of the very lightest, and sandwiched between the sulphate of ammonia and calcinated sulphate of iron treatment, as soon as the turf has been got into condition, should be equally light dressings of a "complete" fertilizer in which the proportion of potash is low; but I have not found any advantage in using an organic base.

It is my conviction that to be effective not only must the dressings be very light, but they must also be applied mixed with the very finest sand (which on no account must be alkaline), and all must be bone dry. Osmosis, absorption by the leaves, is of the utmost importance, and under these conditions has maximum effect. It is the "overdose" applied with an unsuitable medium such as damp earth which causes the sourness and consequent troubles. To apply such light dressings evenly by hand is impossible, but by using a method which is now available such fine-textured mixtures can be laid in the smallest doses. I have found a well-known make of spike roller to be quicker and as effective as your correspondent's technique with a fork.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
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